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A. Classified Roads:

1. Total length: 46,166 km.
2. Total surfaced road area: 239 million square meters.
On 1 January 1953, 42.9 percent of these roads was in good condition, 30.4 percent in a condition which required normal maintenance work, while 26.6 percent was in need of thorough overhauling.
3. Monetary means available are adequate for a thorough overhauling of 3.4 percent of the entire network of roads, or of 12 percent of those roads which are in need of thorough overhauling. With regard to the high cost of road maintenance work and the present physical status of roads, it was stated in the report that the monetary means available are completely inadequate.

B. Communal and Municipal Roads:

1. Total length: 97,691 km.
2. Surfaced road area: 274.4 million square meters.
On 1 January 1953, 30.8 percent of these roads was in good condition, 34 percent in a condition which required normal maintenance work, while 32.9 percent was in need of thorough overhauling, and 2.3 percent unusable.
3. Investments required for communal and municipal roads would include approximately 103 million eastmarks for thorough overhauling and about 42.3 million eastmarks for running repairs. Actually, only about 70 percent of the money required was allocated, i.e. 57.87 million eastmarks for the execution of thorough overhauling and 47.6 million eastmarks for running repairs.¹

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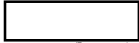
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Comment: Comparable data from the preceding year are not available. The report furnishes valuable information on the physical status of the road network in East Germany and the cost of road maintenance work required. The category of "classified roads" covers Autobahn and long-distance highways, while communal and municipal roads include Class I and Class II roads.

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